

RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes (DRAFT) of Board Meeting held on 4/20/16 at Carol Jameson's house at 3:30pm

Present: Carol Jameson, Chair; Bonnie McCarthy, Treasurer; Bob Weekes, Sec'y; Sandy Laughner; Susan Roney; Hank Hallas (Alternate); and Janice Weekes (guest), representing the Public Library

- Minutes of the previous meeting held 3/17/16 were approved as presented.
- Bonnie McCarthy presented the Treasurer's Report, noting additional anonymous gifts of money received by the Commission.
- Richmond Public Library Project
 - The Commission reviewed cost estimates received from Steve Laflam and Dan Simmington for building a replica of the original schoolhouse belfry on the roof of the public library and installing its original school bell. It was noted that Dan Simmington reported that his work schedule could not accommodate this building project this year. Taking that fact and Steve Laflam's lower estimate into consideration, the Commission decided to move forward with Steve on the project. Carol will discuss with Steve adding installation of a grounded lightning rod to the steeple and also will also discuss weight and wind issues incorporated into his building design.
 - It was agreed that the cost of this project would be shared equally by the RPL and the RHC using funds raised privately for that purpose. It was noted that other repair and maintenance deemed necessary at the Library (repair of windows, sills, clapboard, etc.) are the responsibility of the Town since the Library is a town-owned building.
- Brewer Park Project
 - Bob Weekes presented a revised site plan which would move the park location closer to the intersection of #119 and #32. Bob and Carol will meet with Ed Atkins to discuss plans for the park, including removal of the kiosks.
 - Bob will continue his efforts to locate a historically appropriate iron water pump for the site and to explore the design and construction of signs (both directional and historic) for the mini-park.
 - Sandy Laughner will explore with Peter Kimball embedding an iron pin and ring into the granite hitching post slated for the mini-park.
 - Carol will explore issues of setback and visibility.
- Landscaping
 - Carol reported on the installation of landscape timbers in front of the Tramp House, recently installed by Steve Laflam, as finishing work on this project goes forward.
 - Carol, Susie Roney, Bonnie and Jan Weekes will collaborate on future plantings at the Tramp House, Town Hall, Town Well, Brewer Park and Vets Hall.

- Signage
 - Bob reviewed bids received from various sign makers for the three signs that will inaugurate this continuing project: a 2-sided directional sign located at the northern driveway entrance to the Town Hall and a 1-sided historic sign at the restored Town Well (to be paid for with Town funds approved for this purpose); and a 1-sided historic sign at the Tramp House (paid for by Richmond Heritage Commission funds).
 - Text for the Tramp House sign will be revised as noted at the meeting and Bob will authorize Mark Johnson to build and install the three signs.
- Tramp House project – all discussed ideas for utilizing the tramp House Museum as a town asset and teaching tool. The Commission will explore these and other ideas with Town Archivist, Jenna Carroll.
- Telephone Building
 - Bonnie will investigate the history of the building with Pam Bielunis.
 - The Commissioners scheduled a walkthrough of the recently logged area on 4/28 at 4pm. Purpose: to vision possible plans for the parking and town park area surrounding the Veterans Hall, Memorial Park and Telephone Building.
- Civil War Project – Hank Hallas reported that he is ready to present his research findings on Phase I (a compilation of Richmond's Civil War Veterans) to the town and town residents at a time to be determined between July and October of this year. This would then be followed by Phase II, the installation of a new monument honoring our vets.
- Amidon Park – it was noted that Parks & Rec has moved the storage shed from its location on the 4 Corners lot to Amidon Park. We have not yet received word on that commission's intended use of the storage space (relative to our interest in sharing it to store Martin Pail Mill artifacts).
- Pipeline Update – as discussion turned to this last item on our agenda at 5pm, iphones and computers began notifying us that Kinder-Morgan had "suspended" its plans to build its pipeline through New Hampshire and Richmond. On this note of high synergy, our meeting was adjourned and the celebration began!